# The Gay and Lesbian Community Centre of Edmonton

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GLCCE, Box 1852, Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 2P2


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**Welcome the New Year!**

The beginning of the Centre's "official year" was signalled by the election of a new board at the Annual General Meeting on 28 March. The outgoing board dealt heroically with difficult times, and the mark of their success is the Centre itself, which has been open and running at the above address since August.

We are currently open Monday to Friday from 7:00 to 10:00 pm. A trained volunteer counsellor is always at the Centre during open hours, and a volunteer host is also present to welcome you, and show you where such essential resources as the library, newsletters, and coffee pot are to be found.

The new board is strong and energetic, and will build on the foundation established by the previous board. The existing counselling services will be strengthened, as we look for more volunteers to counsel and host. We want to extend our hours to include the weekend, and provide more workshops.

We are improving communications with members with a monthly news-sheet, and are arranging more activities. We will be strengthening the Centre's presence in the community, through better liaisons with other groups, and more public events. *Look for us cohosting the Pride Week dance on 23 June.*

You will see the Centre become just that: a centre for community thought and festival.

These goals are based on the priorities established at the annual general meeting. Our overall mandate is to meet the needs of the community at large, as determined *by* the community. We know what we can accomplish, and we have a plan. We need your concurrence on what the Centre should be, and your help to achieve the community's collective goals.

Please think about your vision of Edmonton's Gay and Lesbian Community, and the role you think the Centre should play in your community. Please consider how you can support us, whether it's with your ideas, time, or energy, by buying a membership, or telling your friends about us.

Our next newsletter will deal with volunteer needs and opportunities for the Centre, and we look forward to your help and input now and during the coming months. Meanwhile, our first priority is to enroll new members, and to encourage past and present members to renew and update their membership. Please take advantage of the form below to apply for or renew your membership, and in doing so, to enable your Centre to serve our community more capably and more fully.

We're excited to be here at this time in our proud history. We look forward to having you join us.

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To: GLCCE, Box 1852, Edmonton, Alberta, T5J 2P2

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Code: _____ Telephone: _____

Membership fees: $25; $20 student or unemployed.
Your comments are welcome.

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## The Statement of Philosophy of
## The Gay and Lesbian Community Centre of Edmonton, Society

The Gay and Lesbian Community Centre of Edmonton, Society provides an environment where lesbians and gay men can grow together as a community of shared identity within the broader Edmonton community. Here, gay men and lesbians are free to develop friendships and acceptance of one another without fear of racial, cultural, religious, gender, sexual orientation, or any other kinds of prejudices. The Community Centre is a place where lesbians and gay men fully acknowledge that they have an inherent right to express their sexuality and celebrate their various lifestyles together.

## The Object Statement of GLCCE

- to provide a place where gay men and lesbians may meet together in peace and harmony,
- to provide peer support to individuals in need in the lesbian and gay community,
- to act when requested as an education and information resource for any person,
- to provide alternative social and recreational activities for members of the gay and lesbian community,
- to foster a sense of community among lesbians and gay men.